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### HOLLY SPRINGS (MISS.) NOTES.

Holly Springs, May 31.—The educational mass meeting of the two Mississippi Conferences of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was held here this week in connection with the second annual commencement of the Mississippi Theological and Industrial College, and more than three thousand dollars were raised to further the work of the institution. The erection of this institution furnishes the most complete and gratifying record of self-help yet exhibited by the race, and the particular striking fact is that Bishop Elias Cottrell, the presiding Bishop over the diocese of Mississippi, was able to marshal the Negroes in the C. M. E. Church into sufficient force to bring about such results.

The force of this statement can be well understood when it is known that of the \$53,000 placed into this magnificent plant, less than \$2,000 came from white people, and only \$100 from outside the state of Mississippi.

There has been erected a magnificent girls' dormitory and administration building on the grounds at a cost of \$38,000 and the boys' dormitory, to cost \$12,500, is now in course of erection. The fact that every cent of money for the land and building was paid cash and there is now no indebtedness against the institution is beyond the ordinary.

At the mass meeting here strong addresses upon various phases of the race question were discussed by prominent men in the church, among them Rev. T. J. Moppins, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Rev. N. C. Cleaves, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. L. M. Bell, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. H. E. Jones, Rayne, La.; A. R. Calhoun, Little Rock, Ark.; G. C. Rawlston, West Texas Conference; R. A. Carter, D. D., Augusta, Ga.; A. L. Jennings, Mississippi Conference; M. F. Jamison, East Texas Conference; G. F. Welch, North Alabama Conference; I. S. Person, D. D., West Tennessee Conference; L. H. Brown, D. D., Kentucky Conference; G. W. Mills, Alabama Conference; J. C. Staunton, North Carolina Conference; J. A. Winters, Southeast Missouri and Illinois Conference; John W. Gilbert, A. M., Commissioner of Education; Bishop R. S. Williams; and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Dr. J. H. Laprade and Dr. J. D. Hammond, Secretary of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The commencement sermon was preached by the Rev. J. William Luckett, D. D., Nashville, Tenn., and the sermon to the Theological Department by Rev. I. S. Person, D. D., of Memphis. Undergraduate exercises were held at the institution Tuesday night, a prize contest being held among the students in the Preparatory Department. The joint program of the literary societies was held in the college auditorium Wednesday night, and the graduating exercises Thursday night, May 30th. The annual address was delivered by President Simon W. Broome, Texas College, Tyler, Texas. The graduates from the Preparatory Department being D. Moses Montgomery, Lexington, Miss.; John E. Shipp, Banner, Miss.; and Miss Roberta D. Payne, Millers, Miss.

The feature of the whole week's exercises was the vocal and instrumental music, more especially the rendition of plantation melodies, led by Miss Annie May Hodges, Lexington. The music department is under the direction of Mrs. C. Gillis, while Dr. Frank H. Rodgers, one of the best known educators in the South, is President of the institution.

In an address of some length, Bishop Cottrell, who has been the leader of the forces making the erection of this institution possible, recounted the sacrifices and struggles undergone in the work, and made a strong plea for the constant application of the doctrine of self-help in racial uplift. "With all respect and gratitude to those people of the North and South who have helped to elevate our people," said he, "that help which will do us more good and stay with us longer is that we do for ourselves." "Self Help" also was the subject of an intensely practical and instructive address from the Rev. T. J. Moppins.

### CLARKSVILLE NOTES.

No pages of a nation's history are more interesting to its people than those which record the brave deeds of its citizen-soldiers, and no other people on the face of the earth has established so beautiful a custom as that which was contemplated by Decoration Day—the strewing of flowers over the graves of the departed warriors. On last Thursday in this city the annual Memorial Day features were observed by the aged and faithful men who had seen service during the Civil war.

The parade of old veterans, with Women's Relief Corps, and children, led by Cube Steele as marshal, wended its way through the principal streets of the city. Along the line of march silent tribute was paid to the survivors, as they marched in unsteady time. At the two cemeteries, the planting of small flags and strewing of flowers were the last acts of appreciation of the living to the dead.

The Fifth Ward Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Goodall, Jr., is making rapid strides of as-

suming the leadership of the churches of the above named denomination. Improvement of the property is noticeable, and time of services changed to a more modern hour. Last week the May fair, under the direction of Mrs. Lula Bell, gave the entire membership a chance to assist in raising funds for beautifying this time-honored place.

The movement started by the alumni association for another school building in South Clarksville is gaining strength. Ministers, business men and citizens look askance at the crowded condition of the school term just closed. More than one hundred pupils were assigned to two teachers. As New York, Nashville, Cincinnati and several smaller cities are contemplating the increase of salary for the teachers, we have not as yet received an inkling of what this city thinks of its teaching force as to an increase.

The excursion fever is in evidence here. Last Sunday the Illinois Central carried a large number of persons to Louisville, and on Tuesday the Afro-American Business Club made it pleasant for its patrons, on the second annual outing to Dover and Fort Donelson. Next Tuesday the United Club promises the grandest effort ever made.

Upon the last night, the last hour and almost the last moment of the eventful month of May, while all nature was asleep and dreaming of the many happenings which had occurred during the allotted time just passing, there came another and a more potent sidelight, fitting as a final climax to the many incidents as noted in our last writing. He was nearing his home with not one thought uncertain, when peradventure another was beside him with a gentle request that his sixty-seven dollars were of no good service unless they began, at that very moment to circulate. They did not, however, until the first gentleman had witnessed Mars, Venus, Mercury, the satellites and lesser heavenly bodies at a close range. Of course, after the study of astronomy had dimmed somewhat, he succeeded in getting home through the assistance of a neighbor. He had not continued to quote this, though the rhyme is questionable:

"Thirty days has September,  
April, June and November;  
All the rest have thirty-one,"  
Except this month of May,  
Which has sixty-seven.

Services over the remains of Mrs. Lizzie Scott, a former resident of this city, were held Tuesday at Wesley Chapel C. M. E. Church before a crowd of sorrowing friends. Interment at Golden Hill Cemetery.

At this writing no teacher has been selected for the next scholastic year.

Prof. I. B. McCutcheon will be one of the instructors at the Middle Tennessee Teachers' Association to be held in this city about June 20th.

Mrs. R. L. Yancey, of Evansville, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. A. W. Saunders came in from Nashville and way points Friday.

Rev. J. C. Lott, of Lebanon, Tenn., was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Maria Ann Taylor went to Edgeton, Ky., Wednesday.

Rev. Geo. Hampton came in from Nashville Tuesday.

Miss Maria Harding, of Indianapolis, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. H. Medcalf.

Mr. William Learell, of Evansville, is in the city.

Mr. Wm. Bailey, of St. Louis, Mo., was in the city Saturday.

Miss Minnie Hutchings, of New York, is in the city.

Mr. Emerson Prance, of Elkton, Ky., spent Monday and Tuesday in the city.

Mr. Rainy McReynolds returned to Elkton, Ky., Wednesday.

Miss Emma Kay will spend her vacation in Louisville.

Mr. Nace Dixon is in Louisville.

Squire Jere Wheeler, of Erin, was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Sam Blakemore went to Trenton, Tenn., Sunday.

Mr. A. W. Roberts went to Louisville Sunday.

Mr. George Fields, of Elkton, Ky., is in the city for a few days.

### ANOTHER POSTMAN APPOINTED.

Mr. William D. Boger has been appointed a carrier on the local mail force. He began his term on the first of June. Mr. Boger, who is a Nashville boy and a graduate of the city High School, has been connected with the general offices of the N. C. & St. L. Ry., where his efficiency was recognized and shown by the general regret expressed by the officials at the time he severed his connections with the company. All of these, however, expressed it as their opinion that if he gave Uncle Sam as capable service as he had the railroad company, there would be no doubt as to the success of the young man.

Mr. Boger is an active church worker, being superintendent of Lea Avenue Church Sunday School. He is also prominent in lodge and social circles, being an officer of the Railway men's Protective Association, the Knights of Pythias and the Algonquin Club.

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Miss Willa R. Scott's school class was with appropriate exercises last Friday afternoon. The exercises were of the highest order and were well attended. Miss Scott has been an